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SUBJECT: AGOSTINHO NETO CAMPAIGNS IN CABINDA

1. SUMMARY: IN THREE SPEECHES IN CABINDA ON FEBRUARY 15 AND 16 MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO MADE CLEAR THAT THE ATTACK ON CHIPENDA HEADQUARTERS WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE PARTY AND SAID THAT THE MPLA WILL BROOK NO DISSIDENTS IN ITS MIDST. HE ASKED FOR A DIALOGUE WITH CABINDAN SEPARATISTS, EXHORTED ANGOLANS TO WORK HARDER THAN EVER, DECLARED THAT IMPERIALISM IS THE FOREMOST ENEMY OF ANGOLA TODAY AND DECRIED THE TENDENCY TO CALL MPLA A COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

2. AGOSTINHO NETO WENT TO CABINDA ON FEBRUARY 15 TO DO SOME CAMPAIGNING, HIS FIRST OUTING SINCE ARRIVING IN ANGOLA ON FEBRUARY FOUR. IN THREE SPEECHES DURING HIS TWO DAY STAY IN CABINDA HE MADE A NUMBER OF POINTS.

3. CHIPENDA FACTION: NETO SAID, "WHAT WE WANT AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF STRUGGLE IS INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY FOR ALL.

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WHAT MPLA CANNOT TOLERATE IS THAT OUR NAME IS UTILIZED BY

GROUPS WITHOUT IDEOLOGY, REACTIONARY GROUPS, THAT COME AMONG US TO SOW CONFUSION. WE DO NOT WANT CONFUSION; WE ARE QUITE CLEAR IN WHAT WE SAY AND IN WHAT WE DEFEND. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE THAT IN OUR NAME... BANDS OF STRAYED CITIZENS SPREAD CONFUSION ABOUT OUR IDEOLOGY AND POLITICAL LINE." IN AN OTHER SPEECH, HE SAID, "THERE WAS A GROUP THAT CALLED ITSELF MPLA IN LUANDA, WHICH WE SURROUNDED. WE DISARMED THEM AND DURING THE OPERATION COMRADE VELODIA DIED. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE IN A COMPLEX PROBLEM OF DECOLONIZATION WE WILL NO LONGER CONSENT TO ANY GROUP USING THE NAME OF THE MPLA, BECAUSE THIS ONLY COMPLICATES THE PROBLEM. WE HAVE DEFINED CLEARLY WHAT THE MPLA IS AND THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW WHO THE MPLA IS. WE KNOW, BUT THERE ARE THOSE THAT ARE TRYING TO CONFUSE US AND FOR THIS REASON WE ACTED, BUT ONLY AFTER THE GROUP WAS MADE ILLEGAL WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE ALGARVE AGREEMENT. AND WE CANNOT FAIL TO TAKE THE SAME ATTITUDE WITH THE RESPECT TO ANY OTHER GROUP THAT MIGHT ARISE IN ANGOLA TO SPREAD CONFUSION ABOUT THE MPLA."

4. ON CABINDA: "WE REAFFIRM HERE THE MPLA IS CONVINCED OF THE POPULAR SUPPORT IT HAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT IS NOT THROUGH MILITARY OCCUPATION THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF OUR PEOPLE. ALL PROBLEMS HAVE TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH DIALOGUE AND WHILE I AM IN CABINDA I WILL BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH THOSE WHO SAY THAT CABINDA IS NOT A PART OF ANGOLA."

5. ON LABOR PROBLEMS: "WE HAVE TO WORK, COMRADES. THERE ARE A LOT OF STRIKES AND AS A RESULT OF LABOR STOPPAGES A THREAT HANGS OVER THE ECONOMY OF OUR NATION. WE BELIEVE THAT WORKERS SHOULD BE ORGANIZED IN UNIONS SO THAT THROUGH THESE ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH CONSIDER PROBLEMS IN OVERALL TERMS, THEY CAN MAKE THEIR DEMANDS AND CORRECT THE INEQUALITIES THAT EXIST. WE ARE NOT FOR LAZINESS. WE DO NOT FAVOR PERMANENT REST TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY. WE ARE FOR EIGHT HOURS OF WORK EACH DAY. WHEN THERE ARE DEMANDS, WHEN THERE ARE STRIKES, THEY SHOULD BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NATION AND THE WORKER... WE MUST MAKE AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT IF WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY OF OUR NATION. THE PORTS MUST HAVE THE CAPACITY TO IMPORT AND EXPORT GOODS. THE RAILROADS MUST OPERATE. ALL HIGHWAYS MUST BE OPEN. OUR LIFE MUST CONTINUE AT AN ACCELERATED RHYTHM BECAUSE THE POST INDEPENDENCE PERIOD IS GOING TO BE

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DIFFICULT. THE SCHOOLS MUST FUNCTION; STUDENTS MUST STUDY; PROFESSORS MUST TEACH. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW CERTAIN SECTORS OF OUR PEOPLE LOOK ON INDEPENDENCE AS A PERIOD OF REST WHEN THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO DO ANYTHING..."

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6. COMMUNISM: "FOR MANY PEOPLE, WE, THE MPLA, ARE COMMUNISTS. WHY ARE WE COMMUNISTS? IS IT BECAUSE WE WANT POPULAR POWER? IS IT BECAUSE WE WANT THE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY? CERTAINLY NOT. THE REASON IS THAT THOSE WHO PLAN TO CONTINUE TO DOMINATE AND EXPLOIT ANGOLA KNOW THAT THE MPLA IS AN IMPASSABLE BARRIER. WE WILL NOT BE FLEXIBLE WHERE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED. WE WILL TAKE A POSITION AND OUR POSITION IS AGAINST EXPLOITATION AND AGAINST DOMINATION...WE HAVE CLEARLY DEFINED OUR POLITICAL LINE AS A PROGRESSIVE LINE...WE ARE A PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT BECAUSE WE WANT ALL THE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE...THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES, THE PEOPLES COMMITTEES MUST ESTABLISH THE BASES FOR A TRUE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL, WITHOUT SEPARATION OF RACES, WITHOUT SEPARATION OF SOCIAL CLASSES, WITHOUT REGARD TO RELIGION, IDEOLOGY OR POLITICAL PARTY. WE MUST ALL CONTRIBUTE SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA WILL KNOW HOW TO DETERMINE ITS DESTINY BY ITSELF. THIS IS OUR PROGRESSIVISM."
"WE DO NOT WANT AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA TO CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. TODAY, THE ECONOMY OF ANGOLA IS IN THE HANDS OF A FEW..WE HAVE NOTHING IN OUR HANDS. OUR PEOPLE HAVE ONLY

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WORK, EXPLOITATION AND MISERY. FOR THAT REASON WE MUST REDISTRIBUTE OUR WEALTH..SO THAT OUR RICHES ARE FOR ALL AND NOT JUST A FEW. AND THAT IS WHY THEY CALL US COMMUNISTS...WE ARE NOT AGAINST PRIVATE PROPERTY; WE ARE NOT AGAINST PRIVATE INITIATIVE. WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE INITIATIVE OF ANYONE, BLACK, WHITE OR MESTIZO, ANGOLAN OR FOREIGNER, IN OUR COUNTRY. WHAT WE DO WANT IS THAT THE LABOR OF EACH RESULT IN SOME WEALTH FOR EACH."

7. IN A TALK AT THE MPLA MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN CABINDA, NETO SAID, "WE HAVE TO DEFEND OUR MOVEMENT, WE HAVE THE DUTY TO DEFEND OUR ORGANIZATION, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT TRULY DEFENDS THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AND IT IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION THAT, WITHOUT VIOLENCE, IS SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE GOING FORWARD IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST OUR PRINCIPAL ENEMY AT THIS MOMENT, WHICH IS IMPERIALISM. NOW THAT COLONIALISM HAS BEEN DEFEATED, WE MUST, IN THIS NEW PHASE, COMBAT IMPERIALISM AND ITS AGENTS." KILLORAN

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